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Serial No. : 10/776,838
Filing Date : February 11, 2004
For : **HAND-HELD BAND SAW**

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Dear Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the application filing date and prior to issuance of the first Office Action on the merits.

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Respectfully submitted,

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